



Howard County Council

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District 2

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District 4

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District 5

Meeting Minutes - Approved

Operating Budget Work Session #4
Web-based Virtual Meeting
Friday, May 14, 2021
9:30 a.m.

The Chairperson opened the Meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Members Present: Liz Walsh, Chairperson; Opel Jones, Vice Chairperson; Deb Jung; Christiana Rigby; David Yungmann.

Council Staff Present: Michelle Harrod, Council Administrator; Craig Glendenning, County Auditor; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor.

Budget Office Present: Holly Sun, Brook Mamo, Jimmy Kwak, Jennifer Dennis, Norman Schnobrich, Paul McIntyre

Auditor Office Present: Craig Glendenning, Ed Shulder, Owen Clark, Lisa Geerman, Maya Cameron, Michael Martin, Rebecca Gold, and Melanie Bishop

Administration Staff Present: Noted below.

Public Safety and Administration

Police

Chief Myers provided an overview of the Police FY2022 operating budget which include realigned patrol; training above State standards; and additional positions for crossing guards. General discussion about the Police Accountability Act and the various legislation for police reform. Council requested additional information about recruitment and training practices; mental health intervention; use of speed camera revenue; and investment in electric fleet.

Fire

Chief Anuszewski responded to Council questions about the Volunteer Fire funding; recruitment; hazard pay; increased expense for staff physicals; and equipment / staff ratio. Council requested additional information about pandemic expense; historical VFD spending; changes in staff allocation; and Emergency Management increases.

County Executive

Mr. Sidh responded to Council questions about Max Vac sites; additional staff; and the Downtown Columbia Liaison.

County Administration

Mr. Robbins responded to Council questions about the County Administration FY2022 Budget. Highlighted topics included discussion of hazard pay for first responders; staffing requests; and various Funds. Continued general discussion about Innovation Grants; environmentally sustainable Fleet; salary equity study; local business outreach and pod cast capabilities.

Transportation

Mr. Gartner provided Council with an overview of transportation ridership; and long-range plans to reduce vehicle miles traveled. Council requested information about recruitment of bus drivers and partnering with HCPSS for student transportation.

Economic Development

Mr. Twele responded to Council questions about the demographics of those that benefit from EDA services; and various plans for economic development.

The Meeting concluded at 3:59 pm

Administration Attendees for Friday, May 14, 2021

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Public Safety and Administration

Police

Lisa Myers
Theresa Breeden
Tami Bulla
Jim Marshall

Fire

William Anuszewski
Robert Smeltzer
John Jerome
Meaghan Kordusky

County Executive

Sameer Sidh
Jennifer Jones

County Administration

Staff Services
Lonnie Robbins
Angela Cabellon
Janssen Evelyn
John Peterson
Patrick Pope
Jennifer Sager

Budget Holly Sun

Central Fleet Robert Phillips

Human Resources Wanda Hutchinson

Human Rights

Yolanda Sonnier
Denise Boston

Environmental Sustainability Josh Feldmark

Public Information Mark Miller

Purchasing Dean Hof

Risk Management Amy Lanham

Workforce Development Francine Trout

Transportation

Bruce Gartner
David Cookson
Jai Saunders

Economic Development

Larry Twele
Vernon Thompson
Elaine Brown